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Bed Bug Treatment Preparation

First and foremost, there is no way of getting around it: if you want to get rid of bed bugs you need to **clean and get rid of clutter**, especially in your bedroom. Please note: All units that are found with excessive clutter will NOT be treated. A thorough and excessive treatment cannot be achieved while there is excessive clutter and un-tidiness in the home. Once the clutter has been removed, treatment can be rendered.

Take clothing and other belongings out of all drawers, nightstands, tables, closets, wardrobes and similar storage areas and launder in hot water and place into a dryer on the highest heat setting for a minimum of 30 minutes. The dryer must be capable of reaching temperatures greater than 104° F to kill all stages and must not be loaded to more than 50% capacity. Place all laundered items from dyer directly into plastic bags and seal tightly.

Remove all bedding and pillows. Place in bags and take to the laundry room where they can be placed directly into the washing machine using hot water and/or placed into a dryer as indicated in the step above.

Any loose clothing (garments found outside of a dresser, under the bed or closet) must be bagged and laundered as per laundry directions above.

Remove drapery in rooms, bag and immediately launder. Alternatively, drapery may be vacuumed and treated with steam while hanging in the infested room

Items that cannot be washed but can be dried in the dryer should be placed in the dryer on the highest temperature setting for a minimum of 30 minutes.

Any items that cannot be laundered in a home washing machine or dryer, should be professionally laundered (dry cleaned).

Articles under the beds provide an ideal place for bedbugs to hide. All clothing or garments must be laundered and bagged. Larger items that were previously stored under the bed should not be moved as bedbugs may be relocated into other areas of the structure.

Ensure that all bags of freshly laundered items are sealed tightly and place them in the middle of the room.

The room should be empty of all clothing and plush items.

Vacuum the floor extensively. Remove the vacuum bag immediately and discard in an exterior garbage receptacle.

It is necessary for you and your pets to vacate the premises during the service and to not re-enter until at least 4 hours after treatment. Fish aquariums may be left on site, however, they should be covered and air filters must be disconnected. Persons with underlying health conditions should consult their family physician where they have concerns regarding re-entry time.

Post Treatment Instructions

When you return home, be sure that all treated surfaces are COMPLETELY DRY before re-entry. If any surfaces are not completely dry, leave for an additional 2 hours and attempt re-entry. If offensive odor remains, ventilate thoroughly and leave for an additional 2 hours before attempting re-entry.

A follow-up treatment should be scheduled approximately 2 weeks after the initial treatment. To reduce the amount of work to be completed in preparation of this follow-up service, we advise you do NOT completely

reassemble your home until this service has been performed. These accompanying measures should be taken during the period between the initial and follow-up services:

Remain "packed-up" for the follow-up treatment. Where possible, clothing should remain in sealed plastic bags to prevent potential re-infestation. Bags must be kept sealed at all times. Where the homeowner wishes to place clothing back into dressers and closets these items will need to be removed, bagged and re-laundered prior to the follow-up service.

Do not be alarmed if you see bed bugs after the initial treatment. It is normal to see stragglers after the initial treatment. These will decrease as the residual chemicals take effect. Conditions should be "all-clear" in about 30 days. This is why it is important to remain "packed-up" until you are certain that the infestation has been eliminated.

Do not introduce any new or used furniture or any other potentially infested items not previously in unit.

In most cases, we do NOT recommend that you throw away mattresses, box springs, or furniture, as these items can be inspected and treated successfully. The cost of replacing beds and other furniture is something to consider when deciding what works for you. It is clear that replacing these items alone will not solve a bed bug problem. The decision to replace beds or furniture often depends on their condition and level of infestation within these items, the comfort of the tenant, and whether or not the tenant can afford replacement.

The installation of high-quality, bed bug mattress encasements is recommended. Any need to discard the mattress or box spring is often eliminated once it has been treated and covered by a high quality, bed bug mattress encasement. The encasements further serve to reduce the likelihood that bed bugs will continue to live upon the mattress and box spring. Bed bug proof mattress encasements are widely available in stores and are also available for purchase from your pest professional.

Do NOT cover your mattress or box spring with homemade or non-bed bug proof encasements. Such encasements will be removed by the pest professional during treatment.

If you decide to throw out your furniture, deface or otherwise damage furniture items so they will not be used by others. Mattresses should be slashed or otherwise damaged to make them unusable by others. **Do not discard infested mattresses, furniture, clothing, or other items without properly wrapping them and coordinating the disposal with the building manager. Do not leave these items in common areas of the building (hallway, lobby, etc.). Doing so will only spread the infestation to neighbouring apartments, and possibly lead to a return infestation in yours!**

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Lakewood Exterminating LLC makes no guarantees, expressed or implied. Pesticides are designed to kill or control pests. Pesticides, to be effective, are toxic to plants and animals and vary in the range of toxicity to humans. Your risk of harm depends upon your degree of exposure and your individual susceptibility. Take precaution when a pesticide treatment has been performed to avoid exposure to vulnerable individuals. Pesticides may be harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. Avoid breathing dust, spray mist, and any unnecessary contact with treated surfaces. Specific health and safety information varies between pesticides and is available on the product label or MSDS, which will be supplied to you upon request from the licensed applicator. In case of a health emergency, seek immediate medical attention.

Customer signature: _____

Date: _____